

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provide by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

19. (Currently Amended) Claim 19 The device as set forth in claim ~~[[8]]~~ 11, wherein the message is selected from the group consisting of hashing and signing a message and encryption.

Response to Arguments

3. Application's argument, see Amendment, filed on 05/04/2005, with respect to claims 2-7, 9-19, 20-23 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections have been withdrawn.

4. Claims 2-7, 9-19, 20-23 are allowed in this case. Claims 3, 11 and 23 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a key is generated using both device identification and a plurality of generation keys.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no latter than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to lan dai thi truong whose telephone number is 571-272-7959. The examiner can normally be reached on monday- friday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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